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SUBJ: GOP MINISTER VITOR ALVES BEGINS EUROPEAN TOUR

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BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. NOV 4 LISBON PRESS REPORTS DEPARTURE OF GOP MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO VITOR ALVES TO LONDON IN FIRST LEG OF 11-DAY OFFICIAL EUROPEAN TOUR. ITINERARY EXPANDED TO INCLUDE LONDON AND BRUSSELS IN ADDITION TO ORIGINAL VISIT TO PARIS, ROME, AND BONN.

2. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PLANNING VITOR CONSTANCIO WILL ACCOMPANY ALVES ENTOURAGE TO GERMANY AND FRANCE. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY TORRES CAMPOS WILL BE WITH ALVES IN ROME ONLY. ROVING AMBASSADOR VASCO VIERA DE ALMEIDA AND DR. PEDRO ALVARES
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WILL JOIN MINISTER'S PARTY FOR VISIT TO GERMANY, FRANCE, AND

ITALY. MINISTER'S AIDE CAPT. LOUREIRO DA COSTA AND ALEXANDRE LENCASTRE DA VEIGA OF FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL ACCOMPANY ALVES ON ENTIRE TOUR.

3. LIBSON REFTTEL BEING REPETED FOR BRUSSELS.
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4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM, GERMAN DCM INDICATED THAT GOP HAD DECIDED SEND ALVES TO GERMANY AND FRANCE WITHOUT INVITATION, CATCHING FRG AND GOF BY SURPRISE. AS CONSEQUENCE, THEY WERE BOTH HAVING SOME DIFFICULTIES ARRANGING APPROPRIATE LEVEL MEETINGS ON SHORT NOTICE. NONETHELESS, ALVES WOULD BE SEEING FRG DEFENSE MINISTER FOR HALF HOUR AND INFORMATION MINISTER. IN ADDITION TO GIVING ALVES OPPORTUNITY GOP CLEARLY WANTS TO CORRECT ERRONEOUS IMPRESSIONS WHOUT CURRENT SITTUATION IN PORTUGAL, FRG EMBASSY HAS RECOMMENDED THAT VISIT BE USED BY FRG OFFICIALS TO ASK SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS, INCLUDING MEASURES TO ENSURE TIMELY AND FAIR ELECTIONS, THE ROLE AND CHARACTER OF THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, GOP PLANS FOR DEALING WITH POLITICAL PRISONERS CURRENTLY BEING HELD, GOP MEASURES TO ENSURE SECURITY FOR GERMAN AND OTHER FOREIGN CAPITAL AND PROPERTY. SAME SOURCE INDICATED THAT WHEN ROME HEARD ABOUT ALVES VISIT TO GERMANY AND FRANCE, GOI QUICKLY ISSUED INVITATION, AND THAT UK AND BELGIAN INVITATIONS MUST HAVE COME LAST WEEK SINCE GERMAN EMBASSY ONLY LEARNED ABOUT THEM FROM WEEKEND LISBON PRESS.
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